

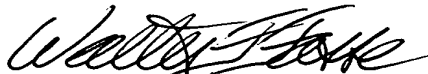
REMARKS:

- 1) Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment including new claims 10 to 17 is respectfully requested. Claims 10 to 17 are based on original, literally translated claims 3 to 9, except for avoiding the improper multiple dependencies.
- 2) Please note that the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority found that all of the PCT claims 1 to 9 (corresponding to the present claims 1, 2 and 10 to 17) satisfied all criteria for patentability, including novelty, non-obviousness, and utility.
- 3) Claims 1, 2 and 10 to 17 are the claims to be examined. Favorable consideration and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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